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**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 18, 2004 at Somesville Fire House**

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management

VISITORS: Damaris Smith and Lee Worcester (EMR), Trudy Bickford and Lyle Dever(SWH), Scott Harper, Beth Gott and Frank Gray (Tremont SW Committee)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the February 19th meeting as distributed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Financial Records for 2003: Tony asked permission to hire James Wadman as the auditor for the district.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (Spiker, Sanborn) that Tony be authorized to hire James Wadman as the auditor. Approved 3-0.

Search for an appraiser for the EMR facility: None of those to whom Tony put out feelers has responded. He would like to move forward with Lee Yeaton and Elliott (with perhaps some help from CES) to attempt an appraisal on our own and present it to the group.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (Spiker, Smith) that Tony, Elliott and Lee Yeaton present their own appraisal of EMR to the group. Approved 3-0.

Member towns contributions: The by-laws state that the contributions from each town each year shall be based on the previous year's MSW tonnage.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (Sanborn, Spiker) that for 2004 we use the 2003 PERC tons as reported by EMR, except Cranberry Isles should use the 2003 EMR tonnage. Approved 3-0.

EMR Confidentiality Agreement: Lee Worcester has addressed the problems brought up by our lawyer. Tony has a few minor changes to make, but it appears the agreement is ready to go. He will complete it and bring it to the board for approval.

Report from Lee Yeaton: Lee had prepared a letter to DEP for Tony to send as chairman of the District, strongly supporting the expansion of the West Old Town landfill. If this expansion is not approved, all the PERC towns stand to lose many thousands of dollars in increased disposal costs. He urged individual towns (particularly non-ADD members) to send letters as well.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Smith, Sanborn) that Tony send a letter to DEP on behalf of the District. Approved 3-0.

The 2004 budget draft is still a work in progress

The insurance forms applying for a quote (to MMA) are prepared and ready for Tony to sign. We have an additional quote from a local agency that will be presented to the Board for comparison. George McDonald from the State Planning Office will attend our 4/15 meeting. He'll be prepared to discuss

- Information about and funding for a new transfer station
- Information concerning a transfer station which does not handle MSW

- His vision of future needs for waste disposal

Elliott said that someone from the SPO came to Tremont and talked about pay-as-you-throw, creating a lot of interest.

Lee Yeaton said we should do a study on the impact of pay-as-you-throw on communities with a concentration of expensive seasonal residences. Elliott added that we should include the selectmen from all the towns to a discussion of PYT.

Elliott got information on year-round housing units and seasonal housing units from the US Census. We still need to be sure we have up to date mileage information for a door-to-door pickup.

Lee gave Ken Minier and Trudy information on the ADD, including a town meeting article, and the best-guess financial information should SWH vote to join. It looks as if the SWH share of the startup costs would be \$1224.67. Including their share of this year's budget, the total amount should be less than \$5000. Trudy pointed out that this information is too late for consideration by the warrant committee.

ADD Website: Elliott said there are a number of disposal district websites available. A web site would be a good source of information for the public, where we could post news information, minutes, etc. He would work on a web site at no charge; the cost for a year's hosting of the site would be about \$100.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Smith, Sanborn) that Elliott be authorized to start work on a web site. Approved 3-0.

Treasurer: Elliott purchased Quick Books to keep the financial records for the district.

Cardboard: Frank Gray asked if ADD is going to work on a cardboard ordinance island-wide. He wondered if we should shuffle the project off to the League of Towns. Tony responded that the League has given responsibility for solid waste issues to ADD.

Lee Yeaton suggested that the board should look at the proposed ordinance, and consider how to enforce it. We would clearly have to work with Lee Worcester on that. (LW expressed willingness to cooperate, although he didn't feel an formal ordinance was necessary.) Lee Yeaton said that an ordinance makes enforcement much easier, as it eliminates exceptions being granted on request. He said that once ADD is behind the ordinance, we should then send it to the selectmen of each town for support. Beth Gott said that it is very important that the townspeople be given sufficient time to prepare for the new system.

ASSIGNMENTS PER DIRECTOR: Tony, Elliott and Lee will get together to discuss the budget.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next meeting will be April 1st, 2004 at 1:30 pm at the Somesville Fire House. Please be sure also to attend the meeting on April 15th, at which George McDonald of the State Planning Office will join us.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk